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FW: SB 365

**From:** madweed [mailto:madweed@3rivers.net]**Sent:** Thursday, February 17, 2011 10:26 AM**To:** becky.kington@mtweed.org**Subject:** SB 365

Becky,

Please pass this along to all the Weed District Coordinators.

Senate Bill 365 is scheduled to be heard today that would reduce the amount of funding that the MDA could use from the Noxious Weed Trust Fund. Approximately \$200,000.00 would not be available for funding of the support staff that help all of us facilitate our grants. This should be a great concern. Many of us call on these folks with a gamut of questions about these grants as well as count on them to help with timely reimbursements throughout the season. My fear is if Senate Bill 365 passes we will no longer have the support that we have enjoyed and counted on these past years. Please take the time to write a letter opposing this bill. I for one would struggle without the help of our support staff in dealing with my grants. We can help protect these support positions with a simple letter.

Margie Edsall

Madison County